

## Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the Export Enhancement Program

*February 10, 1992*

The President met on February 10 with his key advisers to review the U.S. Export Enhancement Program (EEP). Secretaries Brady and Madigan, Richard Darman, Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner, Michael Boskin, General Scowcroft, Roger Porter, Michael Moskow, Robert Zoellick, and Timothy Deal participated in the meeting.

EEP was established in 1985 to help U.S. agricultural producers meet subsidized competition in foreign markets.

The group reviewed the existing criteria for approval of EEP sales with particular

reference to several outstanding applications from potential foreign purchasers. There was general agreement that in considering whether to approve specific EEP proposals U.S. agencies must weigh the nature of the competition in the foreign market (i.e. subsidized v. nonsubsidized competition), U.S. historic presence in the market, and the budgetary impact of such sales.

U.S. agencies will apply these and other criteria in deciding on the merits of existing and future EEP proposals.

## Nomination of Robert C. Frasure To Be United States Ambassador to Estonia

*February 10, 1992*

The President has announced his intention to nominate Robert C. Frasure, of West Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Estonia.

Currently Dr. Frasure serves as the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Tallinn, Estonia. Prior to this, Dr. Frasure served as the Africa Director of the National Security Council at the White House, 1990–1991; Deputy Chief of Mission at the

U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1988–1990; Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, 1986–1988; and Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in London, England, 1982–1986. From 1980 to 1982, he served in the Southern Africa Office of the State Department.

Dr. Frasure graduated from West Virginia University (B.A., 1964; M.A., 1965) and Duke University (Ph.D., 1971). He was born April 20, 1942, in Morgantown, WV. Dr. Frasure is married, has two children, and resides in Falls Church, VA.

## Nomination of Ints M. Silins To Be United States Ambassador to Latvia

*February 10, 1992*

The President has announced his intention to nominate Ints M. Silins, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of

the United States of America to Latvia.

Currently Mr. Silins serves as Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Riga, Latvia. Prior to this, he served as U.S. consul general in Strasbourg, France, 1989–